



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF
PELHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 10, 2020**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Dorothy G. Mordison
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote, fill in the oval(s) opposite your choice(s) like this
- To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this

SAMPLE

TOWN OFFICES

Selectmen

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

JOSEPH PASSAMONTE

AL STEWARD

DAVID WHOLEY

JAIE J. BERGERON

ROBERT HAVERTY

HERSHEL NUNEZ

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Town Moderator

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

PHILIP R. CURRIER

(WRITE-IN)

Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than THREE

JASON CROTEAU

PHILIP ANDREW HABERLEN

ROBERT S. SHERMAN

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Cemetery Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DONNA M. SMITH

J. TIMOTHY ZELONIS

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Library Trustee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

ROSE ANN CARES

BARBARA C. SHERMAN

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Trustee of Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

CINDY RONNING

(WRITE-IN)

Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

JIM BERGERON

BRUCE M. BILAPKA

PAUL L. DADAK

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Planning Board

ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE

BOB LAMOUREUX

DANIELLE MASSE-QUINN

DEREK STEELE

(WRITE-IN)

**TOWN WARRANT
ARTICLES**

Article 2

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to change Pelham Zoning Article XII *Special Exceptions* to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to be a maximum of 1,000 square feet (increased from 800 square feet), and to eliminate the common wall requirement. ADUs shall not be allowed on lots of less than one acre unless the lots are within an approved Conservation Subdivision or within the Mixed-Use Zoning District where the Planning Board has approved smaller lots under their authority over Innovative Land Use projects. Detached ADUs will be allowed when the Planning Board approves them with a conditional use permit after verifying the lot is at least 1.5 acres in size with a minimum of 45,000 square feet of contiguous non-wetland soils. The Planning Board will have the authority to determine the placement of a detached ADU within the property. (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES

NO

Article 3

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Pelham to replace in its entirety, the existing Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance (IDDE Article VIII-1) with a revised IDDE ordinance that will comply with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate to control storm water runoff and its negative impacts to drinking water, ecosystems and wildlife. The proposed amendment clearly defines what are acceptable water discharges and those that are defined as illicit discharges and how the Town can regulate and enforce any illicit discharges. (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES

NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Article 4

Are you in favor of repealing, in its entirety, Pelham Zoning Ordinance Article XV, Residential Conservation Subdivision by Special Permit as proposed by citizen petition? The effect of the repeal would be to eliminate the building of subdivisions that would allow "cluster" style developments where houses are built closer together (on less than the required 1 acre of property) in exchange for open space land. (Not recommended by the Planning Board).

YES
NO

Article 5

Are you in favor of repealing, in its entirety, as proposed by citizen petition, the ordinance that was created by Article 3 of the 2019 Town Warrant, passed at the March 2019 Town election stating, "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by Citizen's Petition for the Town of Pelham Zoning ordinance as follows: this amendment would modify, Article IV, Section 307-16(A); Article V, Section 307-18 Table of Permitted uses; and Article V-1 Mixed-Use Overlay District as follows: The raising and keeping of livestock, excluding poultry, may be conducted as an accessory use of a principal Residential or Mixed-Use Overlay District property of at least (3) acres and shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the use of the lot for its principal purpose. Structures and enclosures used in conjunction with the raising and keeping of livestock shall be a minimum fifty (50) feet from any property line and shall comply with the best practices as identified by the UNH Cooperative Extension's housing and space guidelines for livestock. At no time shall a nuisance be created as to sight, sound, smell, or any other impact that may interfere with nearby property owners' rights and enjoyment of their properties. A yes vote would remove this language from the Town of Pelham's Zoning Ordinance. (Recommended by Planning Board).

YES
NO

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to approve cost items included in the five (5) year collective bargaining agreement ratified by the Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Pelham, The International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4546, which calls for the following increases and benefits and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,704 to fund the first year of this agreement, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? This is a Special Warrant article. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Year	Cost	Accumulated Cost
2020	\$118,704	\$118,704
2021	\$54,726	\$173,431
2022	\$57,139	\$230,570
2023	\$58,771	\$289,341
2024*	\$75,976	\$365,318

* includes 3 months of 2025

YES
NO

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein totaling Seventeen Million, Seven-Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-one Dollars (\$17,713,461)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seventeen Million, Three-Hundred and Forty Thousand, Three-Hundred and Ninety-one Dollars (\$17,340,391) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES
NO

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six-hundred and Thirty-thousand dollars (\$630,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Marion Fire Apparatus (Fire Truck) to replace the current Engine 1. The current Engine 1 is Twenty-Four years old and beyond its end of life use with anticipated significant ongoing repair expenses in the future. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No Money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES
NO

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed into the Highway Department Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of constructing a highway maintenance facility to house office and equipment (with the Board of Selectmen having been named as agents to expend, authorizing expenditures following one public hearing.) (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES
NO

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$336,185) for repair, maintenance, purchase of equipment and upgrading of Town roads, to be offset by the State Highway Grant? This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, IV. No money to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES
NO



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SAMPLE

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to re-designate the following wetland systems as prime wetlands as authorized by RSA 482-A:15. These were designated as prime wetlands in 1987 but the boundaries have been re-mapped using modern, GPS technology hence must be re-designated. There is no tax impact. This is a special warrant article (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Recommended by the Selectmen).

NAME	ACRES (1987)	ACRES (2019)
Lower Golden Brook	72.7	98.8
Upper Golden Brook	85.3	64
Camp Runels	38.0	32.1
Dunlop	79.5	88
Cranberry Bog	16.7	20.9
Mountain Orchard	28.2	21.3
Harris Brook	14.2	29.6
total	334.6	354.7

YES
NO

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to re-designate the following wetland systems as prime wetlands as authorized by RSA 482-A:15. These were designated as prime wetlands in 2000 but the boundaries have been re-mapped using modern, GPS technology hence must be re-designated. There is no tax impact. This is a special warrant article (Recommended by the Conservation Commission) (Recommended by the Selectmen).

NAME	ACRES (2000)	ACRES (2019)
Little Island Pond	24.6	26.9
St. Patricks	16.1	14.5
Sherburne Road Bog	2.4	3.7
Sherburne Road Open Water	17.7	19.7
total	60.8	64.8

YES
NO

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to establish the Merriam Farm Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110-113 -- Map 39 Lot 6-181- totaling approximately 46.52 acres? No Tax impact. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES
NO

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to modify the current Exemption with a new Elderly Exemption from property tax as authorized by RSA 72:39-a in the Town of Pelham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to and including 74 years of age, \$78,400; for persons 75 up to and including 79 years of age, \$112,000, and for persons 80 years of age and over, \$145,000. To qualify, the person must meet the requirements of State Law as designated in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b. In addition, a qualified taxpayer must have a net annual income of not more than \$35,000 if single, or if married, a combined net annual income of not more than \$45,000 and own assets, excluding the value of the person's residence, of not more than \$130,000. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES
NO

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the Town of Pelham in accordance with the lawful requirements of the statutes and regulations? (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES
NO

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Article 16

Shall the town vote to establish an Agricultural Commission as is authorized by N.H. RSA Section 674:44-e, 673:1-II, and NH RSA Section 673:4-b. The purpose of this Commission is as an Advisory Role to the town and it will recognize, educate, promote, protect and encourage agriculture and agricultural resources throughout the Town. The Agricultural Commission shall consist of five (5) full time members and five (5) alternate members, appointed through the Board of Selectman. Members must be Pelham residents. Initial terms will be appointed for 1, 2, and 3 years and shall thereafter be appointed to 3-year terms. (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES

NO

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease space on Town owned structures for the purpose of installing solar panel arrays, for a term not to exceed 30 years (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT